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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN ASSTSECY SCHAUFLE AND LCBC
DELEGATION CHAIRMAN

SUMMARY: CHADIAN MINFIN DJOGO, WHO LED LAKE CHAD BASIN
COMMISSION DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON, MET WITH ASSTSECY
SCHAUFLE AT FORMER'S REQUEST FEBRUARY 11. MEETING DEALT
MAINLY WITH LCBC PROGRAMS AND FUTURE PLANS, GRAIN HARVEST
FORECASTS FOR NIGER AND CHAD, CONOCO OIL EXPLORATION, AND
AGRICOLA-CHAD. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON AGRICOLA. END SUMMARY.

1. MEETING BETWEEN ASSTSECY SCHAUFLE, DEP ASSTSECY MULCAHY,
AF/W-DIRECTOR SMITH, CHADIAN MINFIN DJOGO, AND CHADIAN
AMBASSADOR ALINGUE HELD FEB. 11. AFTER WELCOMING DJOGO
TO US, SCHAUFLE ASKED FOR HIS IMPRESSION OF LCBC PROGRESS.
DJOGO THANKED SCHAUFLE FOR US ASSISTANCE TO LCBC, AND
ASKED THAT WE CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD
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TO CERTAIN LCBC PROJECTS NOW IN PLANNING STAGE. THESE IN-

CLUDED: FOOD PRODUCTION CENTERS IN LCBC STATES, LIVESTOCK CENTERS, FERTILIZER FACTORY (WHICH DJOGO ASKED TO BE SITUATED IN CHAD), AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION. WHEN SCHAUFELLE NOTED THAT INFRASTRUCTURE WAS NOT ONE OF PRIORITIES GIVEN AID BY CONGRESS, DJOGO RESPONDED THAT HE HOPED WE WOULD FAVORABLY CONSIDER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS SINCE WE EXE-

CUTE PROJECTS MUCH FASTER THAN OTHER DONORS. SCHAUFELLE CONCLUDED THIS PORTION OF MEETING BY PROMISING DJOGO THAT LCBC REQUESTS WOULD BE REVIEWED SYMPATHETICALLY.

2. QUESTION OF FOOD PRODUCTION SHORTFALL IN NIGER THEN DISCUSSED. DJOGO SAID THAT RAINFALL IN EASTERN NIGER AND WESTERN CHAD WAS BOTH INSUFFICIENT AND POORLY TIMED. RESULT WILL BE INADEQUATE GRAIN HARVEST, ESPECIALLY IN NIGER.

3. CONOCO OIL EXPLORATION BRIEFLY DISCUSSED WHEN DEPTOFFS NOTED THAT CONOCO IS STILL TESTING ITS MOST RECENT FIND TO SEE IF QUALITY MERIT CONSTRUCTION OF COSTLY PIPELINE TO COAST. DJOGO ADMITTED THAT EVACUATION OF CRUDE TO COAST WAS PROBLEM, BUT THAT QUALITY OF FIND NEAR LAKE CHAD WAS NOT, SINCE CONOCO HAD INFORMED GOC THAT CRUDE AT LATEST WELL WAS OF VERY HIGH QUALITY (THIS HAS BEEN CORROBORATED IN CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD WITH TEXAS MANUFACTURER OF MINI-REFINERY WHO RECENTLY HELD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CHAD WITH CONOCO).

4. SEPTTEL BEING SENT REGARDING AGRICOLA. INGERSOLL

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